*Case against Mr. M. Nataraja Pillai of Tengamputtoor.*

278. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. M. Nataraja Pillai of Tengamputtoor in Agastisvaram taluk, has been arrested and detained in prison at Paravoor lock-up on entering Travancore from British India (after his release from the Central Jail, Vellore):

(*b*) whether he has committed any offence under the law of the State;

(*c*) if so, what that offence is;

(*d*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, why he is not tried in a court of law; and

(*e*) whether that one Mr. M. Nataraja Pillai has been sent to Travancore, his native place, by the Government of Madras towards the close of May 1941 or June 1941?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) He is detained under the Defence of Travancore Rules.

(*e*) Yes.

*Pechipara Reservoir.*

279. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent and area of all islands within the water-spread area of the Reservoir;

(*b*) whether removal of these is likely to increase the storage capacity of the Reservoir;

(*c*) whether it is possible to increase the height of the "Escapes" by two feet or less or more and thereby increase the storage capacity of the Reservoir,

(*d*) whether on any former occasion the height of these "Escapes" was temporarily raised to about 6 feet by putting up earthen bunds;

(*e*) whether there is at present leakage of water from the main Dam and the various Gaps; and

(*f*) the quantity of leakage in Gap No. 2 when there is about 38·5 feet of water in the Reservoir?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) About 320 acres.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. About 0·5 cusec from the main dam when the reservoir is at full level and no leakage in the gaps.

(*f*) Nil.

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MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : With reference to answer to part (*e*) may I know whether the honourable member is satisfied with the correctness of that information ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : That is the information furnished by the Department and therefore I am satisfied with the correctness of it.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Is it not a fact that water is flowing out of that gap ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : I have no information.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know what would be the probable cost of removing the islands in the reservoir.

MR. I. C. CHACKO ; On a rough estimate it would be more than a crore of rupees.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഈ അണയിൽ ചോർച്ച ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു് എൽ. ബി. സി. സ്ലൂയിസിന് അടുത്തുള്ളതാണൊ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : It is in the main dam.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : അതു് എൽ. ബി. സി. കഴ് അടുത്തുള്ള ചോർച്ചയാണൊ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : ഈ ചോർച്ചയിൽ മുൻപു് സിമൻറ ഗ്രൌട്ടിംഗ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നൊ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : ഗ്രൌട്ടിംഗ്കൊണ്ടു ചോർച്ച മാറുന്നതാണൊ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : ചോർച്ച വളരെ കുറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

*Catchment area of the Pechipara Reservoir.*

280. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total area of the catchment area of the Pechipara Reservoir ;

(*b*) whether any and what portion of it is treated as reserved forest ;

(*c*) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent destruction or damage to the said forest and the trees therein ;

(*d*) whether any portion of the catchment area is given on Kuthakapattom or allowed to be squatted ;

(*e*) whether the catchment area is surveyed ; and

(*f*) if so, the survey numbers and their extent ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) 65 sq. miles.

(*b*) The whole of the catchment area is treated as Reserved Forest and comprises portions of Klamala and Virapuli Reserves.

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